

Redstone Arsenal Environmental Office Conducts Training Courses

Over the last twelve months, the Redstone Arsenal Directorate of Environment and Safety has provided training and an overview of environmental regulations, requirements, and hazards to several organizations. Redstone Environmental personnel worked closely with organizations that requested training sessions in order to tailor the course material specific to the needs of the organizations.

The Redstone Environmental Office began assisting with the Warrant Officer Training Program last fall. During the quarterly Warrant Officer training courses, environmental personnel provide an overview of environmental regulations and guidance on Army requirements for compliance with Federal environmental laws and policies. The environmental course is generally provided during a one-day session and consists of a general overview of Federal environmental regulations that the Warrant Officers might encounter with their new duty assignments. The Warrant Officers involved with the program are assigned to a variety of tasks and locations so the course is very general. The goal of the training is to raise environmental awareness with the warrant officers so that the officers will be aware that their new assignments may have environmental requirements associated with the position. The primary emphasis is on coordination with the Installation Environmental Office so that the officers can ensure compliance with all applicable Federal environmental laws and policies.

At the request of the Redstone Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Engineering Branch, Redstone Environmental personnel provided a day long training session to DPW Engineers. Environmental personnel provided an overview of Federal environmental regulations and Army requirements in support of Federal laws. The primary emphasis of the course was a general overview to provide the engineering branch with environmental requirements. The course was also tailored to specific requirements from the Redstone Environmental Office. Several program managers from the environmental office participated in the training session. Most sessions were geared to provide contact between DWP Engineers and Environmental Office personnel in order to improve information flow between the organizations, as well as providing name and face recognition for points-of-contacts for each program.

The Redstone Environmental Office has also developed a training session for natural hazards present in the area. The session is an overview of safety hazards commonly found on Redstone Arsenal. The course is geared toward various personnel that often work outdoors on the installation. The focus is on identification of poisonous plants and animals common to the area, identification of wildlife to avoid, and tips to recognize common diseases associated with wildlife, including West Nile virus and Lyme disease. The length of the session is approximately 45 minutes.